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EXPANDED FLEXIBLE MATERIAL

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002 in the above-entitled patent application, kindly enter the following amendment:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A construction material comprising (a) a cellular expanded net material formed by longitudinally stretching a sheet of flexible material having discontinuous slits in spaced apart lines parallel to each other but transverse to the longitudinal dimension of said sheet, and (b) a filler material comprising aggregate and tar filled in the cells of said cellular expanded net material.

Please amend claim 6 to read as follows:

6. (Twice Amended) A method of producing a construction material comprising the steps of slitting a sheet of flexible material to provide discontinuous slits in spaced apart lines parallel to each other but transverse to the longitudinal dimension of said sheet, stretching said slitted sheet to produce a three-dimensional cellular net configuration, filling the cells thereof with a mixture of melted tar and aggregate, and subsequently cooling said material to produce a hardened layer of construction material.

Please amend claim 11 to read as follows:

11. (Twice Amended) A method of providing a construction material comprising the steps of producing a compact roll of a continuous sheet of unexpanded flexible material having discontinuous slits in spaced apart lines parallel to each other but transverse to the longitudinal dimension of said sheet; transporting said roll in compact, unexpanded form to a site of usage; unrolling and stretching said continuous sheet to provide a three-dimensional cellular net material; and filling the cells of said cellular net material with a mixture of melted tar and aggregate.

Please amend claim 12 to read as follows:

12. (Amended) A construction material comprising (a) a cellular expanded net material formed by longitudinally stretching a sheet of flexible material having discontinuous slits in spaced apart lines parallel to each other but transverse to the longitudinal dimension of said sheet, the longitudinal edges of said sheet being intercepted by slits on said slit lines, and (b) a filler material comprising aggregate and tar filled in the cells of said cellular expanded net material.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The claims have now been amended to include the feature that the claimed product is a **net material**. Support for this feature is found on page 43, line 14 and line 23.

In Section 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stock in view of Kinney. This rejection is respectfully